

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-144 (Cancelled)

Claim ^{cl}145 (Currently Amended)

A method for mapping a heart comprising the steps of:
inserting a mapping catheter, having a tip and an ultrasonic position sensor located at the tip, into the heart;
inserting at least one reference catheter having an ultrasonic position sensor into the heart;
placing the tip of the mapping catheter on a surface of the heart at a plurality of points in time of a cardiac cycle;
determining the position of the mapping catheter relative to the at least one reference catheter using the ultrasonic position sensors by making a geometric snapshot of the heart during each point in time of the cardiac cycle; and
mapping the surface of the heart with the mapping catheter and making a map comprised of each geometric snapshot.

Claim 146. (Canceled)

Claim 147. (Canceled)

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Claim ~~148~~ 148. (Currently Amended)

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The method according to Claim ~~145~~ 145, further comprising mapping electrical activity of ~~the~~ a portion of the heart with at least one electrode mounted at the tip of the mapping catheter.

Claim 149. (Canceled)

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Claim ~~150~~ 150. (Currently Amended)

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The method according to Claim ~~145~~ 145, further comprising performing a therapeutic procedure on ~~the~~ a portion of the heart.

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Claim ⁷151. (Original)

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The method according to Claim ~~150~~, further comprising performing an ablation procedure on the portion of the heart.

Claim ³~~152~~. (Previously Presented)

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The method according to Claim ~~148~~, further comprising measuring impedance of the portion of the heart.

Claim ⁴~~153~~. (Previously Presented)

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The method according to Claim ~~148~~, further comprising measuring mechanical information of the portion of the heart.

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Claim ⁵~~154~~. (Original)

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The method according to Claim ~~153~~, further comprising measuring movement of the portion of the heart.

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Claim ~~155~~. (Currently Amended)

A method for mapping a heart comprising the steps of:
inserting a mapping catheter, having a tip and an ultrasonic position sensor located at the tip, into the heart;
inserting at least one reference catheter having an ultrasonic position sensor outside of the heart;
placing the tip of the mapping catheter on a surface of the heart at a plurality of points in time of a cardiac cycle;
determining the position of the mapping catheter relative to the at least one reference catheter using the ultrasonic position sensors by making a geometric snapshot of the heart during each point in time of the cardiac cycle; and
mapping the surface of the heart with the mapping catheter and making a map comprised of each geometric snapshot.

Claim 156. (Canceled)

Claim 157. (Canceled)

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Claim 158. (Currently Amended)

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The method according to Claim 155, further comprising mapping electrical activity of ~~the~~ a portion of the heart with at least one electrode mounted at the tip of the mapping catheter.

Claim 159. (Cancelled)

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Claim 160. (Currently Amended)

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The method according to Claim 155, further comprising performing a therapeutic procedure on ~~the~~ a portion of the heart.

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Claim 161. (Original)

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The method according to Claim 160, further comprising performing an ablation procedure on the portion of the heart.

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Claim 162. (Previously Presented)

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The method according to Claim 158, further comprising measuring impedance of the portion of the heart.

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Claim 163. (Previously Presented)

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The method according to Claim 158, further comprising measuring mechanical information of the portion of the heart.

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Claim 164. (Original)

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The method according to Claim 163, further comprising measuring movement of the portion of the heart.

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Claim 165. (Currently Amended)

A method for mapping a heart comprising the steps of:

- (a) inserting a mapping catheter, having a tip and an ultrasonic position sensor located at the tip, into the heart;
- (b) inserting at least one reference catheter having an ultrasonic position sensor into the heart;

- (c) bringing the tip of the mapping catheter into contact with a wall of the heart at a location at a point in time of a cardiac cycle;
- (d) determining a position of the tip of the mapping catheter at the location using the ultrasonic position sensors and making a geometric snapshot of the wall of the heart;
- (e) moving the tip of the mapping catheter to a second location at another point in time of the cardiac cycle and making a second geometric snapshot of the wall of the heart; and
- (f) making a map of the wall of the heart based on the geometric snapshots by repeating steps (d) - (e).

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Claim 166 (Canceled)

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Claim ~~167~~. (Currently Amended)

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The method according to Claim ~~165~~, further comprising mapping electrical activity of ~~the~~ a surface of the heart with at least one electrode mounted at the tip of the mapping catheter.

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Claim ~~168~~. (Currently Amended)

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The method according to Claim ~~165~~, further comprising performing a therapeutic procedure on ~~the~~ a surface of the heart.

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Claim ~~169~~. (Original)

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The method according to Claim ~~168~~, further comprising performing an ablation procedure on the surface of the heart.

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Claim ~~170~~. (Previously Presented)

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The method according to Claim ~~167~~, further comprising measuring impedance of the surface of the heart.

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Claim ~~171~~. (Currently

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The method according to Claim 165, further comprising
measuring mechanical information of ~~the~~ a surface of the heart.

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Claim 172. (Original)

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The method according to Claim 171, further comprising
measuring movement of the surface of the heart.

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Claim 173. (Currently
Amended)

A method for mapping a heart comprising the steps of:

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- (a) inserting a mapping catheter, having a tip and an ultrasonic position sensor located at the tip, into the heart;
 - (b) inserting at least one reference catheter having an ultrasonic position sensor outside of the heart;
 - (c) bringing the tip of the mapping catheter into contact with a wall of the heart at a location at a point in time of a cardiac cycle;
 - (d) determining a position of the tip of the mapping catheter at the location using the ultrasonic position sensors and making a geometric snapshot of the wall of the heart;
 - (e) moving the tip of the mapping catheter to a second location at another point in time of the cardiac cycle and making a second geometric snapshot of the wall of the heart; and
 - (f) making a map of the wall of the heart based on the geometric snapshots by repeating steps (d) - (e).

Claim 174. (Canceled)

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Claim 175. (Currently
Amended)

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The method according to Claim 173, further comprising
mapping electrical activity of ~~the~~ a surface of the heart
with at least one electrode mounted at the tip of the
mapping catheter.

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Claim 176. (Currently
Amended)

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Claim 177. (Original)

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Claim 178. (Previously
Presented)

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Claim 179. (Currently
Amended)

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Claim 180. (Original)

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The method according to Claim 173, further comprising
performing a therapeutic procedure on ~~the~~ a surface of the
heart.

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The method according to Claim 176, further comprising
performing an ablation procedure on the surface of the
heart.

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The method according to Claim 175, further comprising
measuring impedance of the surface of the heart.

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The method according to Claim 173, further comprising
measuring mechanical information of ~~the~~ a surface of the
heart.

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The method according to Claim 179, further comprising
measuring movement of the surface of the heart.